"Telecom Disputes Settlement Appellate Tribunal", to adjudicate any dispute between a licensor and a licensee, between two or more service providers, between a service provider and a group of consumers, and to hear and dispose of appeals against any direction, decision or orders of TRAI. Appeals against the orders of the said Tribunal shall lie to the Supreme Court, as specified in the relevant provisions of the amended TRAI Act 1997.

Clearance of outstanding dues of cellular licence fee

486. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to extend the last date for payment of cellular licence fee arrears from January, 31st to March 15, 2000;

(b) if so, the names of the defaulting operators and arrears outstanding against each of them; and

(c) the reasons for giving extension of the date for clearing their dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The position of license fee arrears as on date is indicated in statement. (*See* below).

(c) There are certain problems of cellular industry for which the Industry had been making representations, *inter-alia*, for grant of extension of time. After examining the issues involved, and with a view to mitigate the problems faced by the industry, the Government has decided to extend the dates for securitisation and payment of outstanding dues upto 29.02.2000 and 15.03.2000 respectively beyond the dates (30.11.99 and 31.01.2000) originally indicated for the same in the migration package, but with imposition of additional penalities.

Statement

Position of Cellular license fee Arrears against the Licensees of Cellular Mobile Services (Circles) under Migration.

Sl. No.	Name of Company	Service Area	Arrear of Principal Interest*	license fee	Total	Period
1.	Bharti	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2.	Birla	Gujarat	0.00	0.10	0.10	
		Maharashtra	0.00	0.10	0.10	
3.	Escotel	Haryana	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		Uttar Pradesh (West)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4.	Fascel	Gujarat	60.19	87.06	147.25	19.9.98** to date
5.	Hexacom	North East	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		Rajasthan	0.00	5.69	5.69	
6.	J.T. Mobile	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		Karnataka	0.00	0.08	0.08	
7.	Modicom	Karanataka	90.09	43.34	133.43	4.7.98** to date
		Punjab	84.61	39.40	124.01	4.7.98** to date
8.	Srinivas	Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	0.00	
9.	RPG	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.25	0.25	
10.	Reliance	West Bengal	0.00	0.21	0.21	
		Assam	0.00	0.01	0.01	
		Bihar	0.00	2.95	2.95	
		Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.07	0.07	
		Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.25	0.25	
		Orissa	0.00	1.92	1.92	
		North East	0.00	0.01	0.01	
11.	Tata	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	4.02	4.02	

Sl. No.	Name of Company	Service Area	Arrear of Principal	license fee Interest*	Total	Period
12.	BPL US	Kerala	0.00	3.12	3.12	
		Tamil Nadu	0.00	5.04	5.04	
		Maharashtra	0.00	10.19	10.19	
	TOTAL		234.89	203.81	438.70	

Position of Celluar license fee Arrears against the Licensees of Cellular Mobile Services (Metros) under Migration

S. No.	Name of Company	Service Area	Arrear of Principal	License fee Interest* (provisional)*** (Rs. in Crores)	Total	Period
1.	Bharti	Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2.	Sterling	Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3.	H. Max	Mumbai	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4.	BPL	Mumbai	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5.	Skycell	Chennai	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6.	RPG	Chennai	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7.	Modi	Calcutta	0.00	0.00	0.00	
8.	Usha	Calcutta	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	TOTAL:		0.00	0.00	0.00	

* The interest amounts hown is provisional subject to finalisation at a later date.

** The dates shown are as per the original payment schedule.

*** The license fee and interest for the fourth year and onwards are under revision following varification of the companie's subscriber base.